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(CDG&S-D-19)

15 May 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: Sanitization of the KH-7 Product

1. The question of sanitization of the KH product was raised at COMOR on 14 May, as you will remember. At that time [redacted] reported that the Working Group was expecting to look at a draft memorandum next Wednesday, 20 May, and he proposed to try and accelerate processing for direct referral to COMOR.

2. The Working Group recommendation on this subject is attached and will be considered at COMOR on 21 May.

[redacted]  
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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Subject paper

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman  
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: Sanitization of the KH-7 Product

1. The CDG&S Working Group recommends that COMOR give immediate attention to the need for writing interim regulations designed to control sanitization and use of the KH-7 product.

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2. The problem is introduced at this time because in certain areas KH-7 has produced valuable information which is beyond the capability of KH-4. As an example, there is an obvious need, for ROB purposes, to pinpoint and identify such air defense [redacted] This requirement has been met by the KH-7. It is the opinion of the Working Group that means must be devised for making such information available out of the system, but at the same time it is essential that all aspects of a decision to do this be recognized. Any broad authority to include KH-7 under the terms of the present annexes to COMOR-D-7/1 could well escalate and create a serious security problem.

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3. The Working Group Report, which was distributed by COMOR under COMOR-D-7/22, addresses itself to the problem of protecting the precise capability of our photographic satellites cast in the perspective of what can be deduced by the opposition from an examination of products now being produced within the terms of the existing Sanitization Manual and its annexes. A consideration taken

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Group has also felt that it would be difficult to gauge the quantitative extent of our success in addition to the qualitative. However, with regard to quality serious doubts arise when the question is posed on the inclusion of material derived from KH-7, the primary objective of which is to produce technical intelligence. It is the consensus of the Working Group that sanitized products designed to assist targeting and military planning should be restricted to strategic intelligence and

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should not permit a deduction that we have the ability to obtain technical intelligence or even to procure photography of a better resolution than that presently indicated.

4. Recommendation: The Working Group recommends that:

a. There be an immediate prohibition against sanitization of the KH-7 product under the terms of COMOR-D-7/1, Annexes B and C. This prohibits use of KH-7 derived material in targeting products including maps and charts.

b. Any immediate need to use KH-7 in a sanitized form be considered in the context of an individual report with a fictitious source, in accordance with Annex D of COMOR-D-7/1.

c. For the time being all such requests be referred to COMOR for approval.

d. COMOR appoint an ad hoc working group to draw up interim sanitization instructions designed fully to protect the KH-7 product.

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